

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS

Board Meeting September 13, 2011

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at the Professional Licensing Boards Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

The following Board members were present:

Jeffrey Fargason, ACA, BC-HIS, Chair
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA, Vice-Chair
Ralph T. Jackson, Jr.
Henry Williams Jr., B.A., BC-HIS
Kadyn Ochs Williams, Au.D
Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D., Board Certified – American Board of Otolaryngology (via conference call)
Deborah Brilling, Consumer Member

Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General (via conference call)
Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor
Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Jeffrey Fargason, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Announcements:

- Ms. Lisa Durden was introduced to the Board as the new Division Director for the Professional Licensing Boards Division.

Agenda:

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes:

Ms. Brilling moved, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the following meeting dates as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

- June 07, 2011
- June 20, 2011-Conference Call

Executive Director's Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed the continuing education reporting form with the Board for any necessary revisions. The Board was notified that licensees' were now able to renew their license online, or by mail, for the December 31, 2011 Expiration date for Dealers & Dispensers.

2. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed the complaint closure letter with the Board for any necessary revisions.
3. Mr. Zimmerman reminded the Board that prior officer elections have been held in December; Requested Board re-elect the Board's Chair and Vice Chair for 2012 during the December scheduled meeting; Board decision to re-elect the 2012 officers at the close of business during today's meeting.

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Williams seconded and the Board voted to accept the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Rule Discussion:

Rule 276-10-.02 Continuing Education Courses

Ms. Brilling motioned, Mr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to post Rule 276-10-.02 Continuing Education Courses as amended for the 30-day minimum requirement upon the receipt of the memo of authority from Wylencia Monroe, AAG. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Cote moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, and to receive the Attorney General and Cognizant Report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Fargason, Bray, Jackson, H. Williams, K. Williams, Dr. Cote, and Brilling.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, Mr. Fargason declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

Ratify List of Newly Licensed Candidates:

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the list of approvals for licensure determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

Hearing Aid Training Permits:

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
HAP000151	Dennison, William	Audiology Associates 4145 Lawrenceville Pkwy Ste. 10A Lilburn, GA. 30047	06-13-2011
HAP000152	Blankenship, Eugene	Optimal Hearing 5382 Lassiter Drive Stone Mountain, GA. 30087	06-13-2011
HAP000153	Zeppa, John G.	Belton Hearing Aid 227 Market Place Conn. Peachtree City, GA. 30269	08-17-2011
HAP000154	Bowie, Tammie B.	AccuQuest 6651 Lake Drive	08-30-2011

Morrow, GA. 30260

Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser:

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
HAA000061	Sims, Steven	Beltone Hearing Aid 7400 Abercorn St. Ste. 809 Savannah, GA. 31406	07-05-2011
HAA000062	Castleberry, Justin	ActivEar 3470 N. Valdosta Rd. Valdosta, GA. 31601	07-29-2011
HADS000869	Kamalvand, Ehsan Jason	Beltone Hearing Aid 2179 Lawrenceville Pkwy Decatur, GA. 30087	07-11-11

Hearing Aid Dealers:

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
HADE034978	Beltone Hearing Aid Center	3190 Atlanta Hwy Ste. 15 Athens, GA. 30606	06-10-2011
HADE034979	Hearing Aid Services of Atl.	1240 Hwy 54 West Fayetteville, GA. 30214	09-08-2011

Assistant Attorney General Report:

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General, provided a status report which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

Mr. Jackson moved, Ms. Williams seconded and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant Report:

Mr. Jackson gave an update on the pending complaint/investigation cases. The following recommendations were presented to the Board.

Cases to be closed:

- HA110006

Cases pending the receipt of additional information:

- HA110010,

Cases referred to the Attorney General's office:

- HA110003, HA120001 and HA120002

Cases In Investigations:

- HA110009

Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to accept Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Additional Business:

1. 2011-2012 Officer Elections
 - a. **Mr. Jackson moved, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to re-elect Mr. Jeff Fargason as Chair. None opposed, motion carried.**
 - b. **Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to elect Dr. Donald Cote as Vice-Chair. None opposed, motion carried.**
2. 2012 Board Meeting Dates
 - o 03-13-2012, 06-12-2012, 09-11-2012 and 12-04-2012

Ms. Brilling moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to approve the 2012 Board meeting dates. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Jackson moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Jeffrey Fargason, Chair
Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid
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Professional Licensing Boards Division

These minutes were approved and signed on: December 06, 2011